

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiromitsu NISHIKAWA) : Examiner: Thinh H. Nguyen
Application No.: 10/629,696) : Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: July 30, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 5349
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD) : January 6, 2005
AND IMAGE PROCESSING :
APPARATUS)

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2004, in the above-identified application. The combined Issue and Publication Fees are due on or before January 6, 2005, and have not been paid. Applicant is concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (the "RCE") in lieu of paying the combined fees.

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application.

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Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

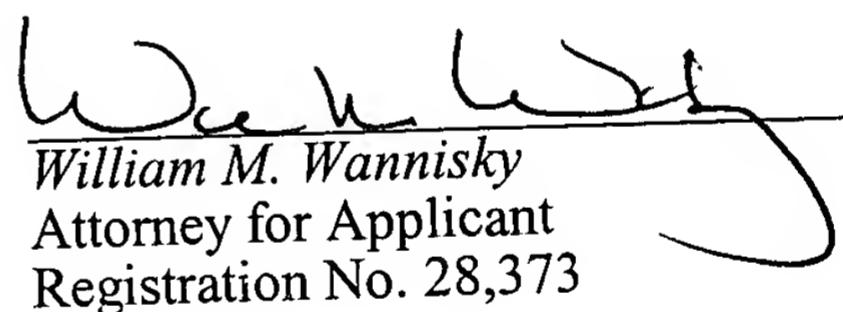
No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	36	MINUS	30	= 6	x \$25 \$50	\$300.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	4	= 2	x \$100 \$200	\$400.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$700.00

- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$700.00 is enclosed.
- Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our Washington, D.C. office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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